

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

MANY NEW BILLS ARE INTRODUCED

On a Great Variety of Subjects of More or Less Public Importance—New Haven Matters—Double Tracking of Church Street, This City—Calvary Industrial Home—The Oyster Interests—Many Disappointed Ladies.

Hartford, Feb. 12.—Both branches of the general assembly gathered this afternoon at 12:35 with a large attendance of members. The train due at noon was delayed at New Haven twenty-five minutes by a hot box, and as Speaker Fessenden was on board, the house was five minutes late in starting. The same train south bound this afternoon was forty minutes late, owing to the disablement of a locomotive on the Boston and Albany and ran to New Haven on the time of the legislative special, which followed immediately behind.

Mr. Clark of Haddam entered the house with a pocket full of bills, one of which is concerning granting of licenses. It reads: "Whenever any town that is divided into voting districts in this state shall vote in accordance with the directions given in section 3,650 and shall cast a vote in favor of granting licenses for the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors, no such license shall be granted in any voting district where the majority of votes cast were against granting such license; temperance."

Mr. Clark also introduced a bill providing for abolishing the office of factory inspector, or else to make that official responsible for any accident arising from his neglect of duty.

Mr. Clark also offered the following queer bill regarding registration of births:

"Every child hereafter born in this state shall for the purpose of registration, as directed in section 103 of statutes of 1887, be named by its parents or guardians and its name given to the attending physician or midwife within three days after its birth."

Mr. Clark introduced a bill providing: "Any persons, firm or corporation being the owner, lessee or occupant of any factory or building, or anyone who may own or control the use of any room in such building included within the provision of chapter 145 of the general statutes of the revision of 1887, or of any acts or parts of acts subsequently passed in addition or amendment thereto, who shall execute, confirm to and carry into effect all orders or instructions given in accordance with the acts or parts of acts heretofore mentioned, shall be deemed to be under state supervision and, therefore, shall not be held liable to any person or persons for any damages suffered by them."

Mr. Clark also introduced a bill instructing the comptroller to report to the house the amount in general terms for which he has drawn upon the treasurer since September 20, 1894, for the department of manufactures.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES INTRODUCED.

Resolutions authorizing the Bradley Library association of North Haven to appropriate money; incorporating the Branford Driving Park association; authorizing a reorganization of Wallace & Sons, Ansonia; exempting Union soldiers and sailors from paying peddlers' license; providing that after June 1, 1895, no hospital or hospital for incurables shall be established in any town except by consent of the town; providing that city and town collectors of taxes who hold office on salary may collect taxes after their term of office has expired; making penalty \$50, three months in jail or both for defaulting landlord of rent; exempting children over fourteen years old from attending school when they are properly employed; providing that all anti-toxine used shall be inspected by the state board of health, and none used unless bearing the manufacturers' label, under penalty of \$500 fine or a year in jail; exempting property of widows to the amount of \$1,000 from taxation.

Representative Tibbals of Milford introduced a resolution incorporating the Milford Electric railroad, J. D. Brown, S. H. Baldwin and others, to run from Woodmont to Stratford. The company may also build and operate such lines in the town of Milford.

Representative Keeler of Norwalk made a strong speech advocating a strict observance of the resolution confining the introduction of new business to February 19. He said there had been inferences made that the time could easily be extended, but he wanted the rule rigidly observed, else the assembly was in danger of sitting until July 1. There was plenty of time for the introduction of all new business by February 19. The bill for reduction of telephone rates was tabled after a ten minutes' fight over what committee it shall be referred to. The senate had referred it to cities and boroughs, and some of the representatives said it should go to the judiciary, and as a matter of compromise for the present the measure was tabled.

CONCERNING FIRE ESCAPES.

A bill was introduced providing: All public buildings of more than one story shall have proper stairways or outside fire escapes; and all factories, hotels and boarding houses where more than twenty persons work or reside—buildings of over one story—shall have outside fire escapes.

TO PROTECT BROOK TROUT.

A bill was introduced providing that the fish commission may for the protection of trout, and with the consent of the owner of any brook, close such stream to fishing for a period of five years, the posting of six notices along the same being sufficient warning. Justices may have jurisdiction and the penalty is \$50.

ADULTERATING MOLASSES.

A bill was introduced providing that a dealer selling adulterated molasses shall not be liable to prosecution unless he purchased the same for an adulterated product. The dairy commissioner shall make tests of the molasses offered for sale.

NORTH HAVEN AND HADDAM.

These towns are in for a big fight over the boundary line. North Haven wishes to take Hamden territory and Hamden vice versa. Representative Downer of Hamden introduced a petition setting

forth the desire of his townsmen and which has been outlived in the "Courier," and Representative Eaton performed a like service for his town. The petitions were referred.

DOUBLE TRACK IN CHURCH STREET.

A remonstrance was presented in the house this afternoon from residents in Church street against double-tracking in that street, from Elm street north, by the New Haven Street Railway company. The company wishes to double-track to Lake Whitney.

President Corey, who was at the capitol to-day, said it was absolutely essential, if the road was to be operated for the convenience of the public, that the double track should be extended to the lake. With the great demand upon the line in summer it could not properly carry its patrons by means of running extra cars. The traffic the present season, when thousands of school children were carried to the lake, demonstrated that the necessary accommodations could not be furnished by a single track. The company wished to furnish all needed accommodations to the public, and in order to do so it would be necessary to double-track those sections where travel was increasing, and on no branch was there a greater demand for this than over the line to Lake Whitney.

JUDGE CABLE CONFIRMED.

The house passed the resolution appointing Julius C. Cable judge of the New Haven city court for two years from April 1, 1895. The vote was unanimous.

A resolution appointing Albert T. Bill judge of the Hartford city court was referred.

D. J. Donohue, a democrat, was appointed deputy judge of the Middletown city court by the house, there being only one dissenting vote.

The senate this afternoon adopted the resolution appointing A. B. Dunham of Seymour and Jacob D. Walter of Cheshire commissioners for New Haven county.

HARTFORD BRIDGE AGAIN.

This afternoon in the house the following resolution introduced by Representative Watrous was referred to the judiciary committee:

"Resolved by this assembly, that the joint standing committee on the judiciary is hereby instructed to investigate and report to this assembly whether, and if so what, bribery or other criminal act or illegal means were used by the board for the care of highways and bridges across the Connecticut river in Hartford county, or by any other corporation or any public officer or private citizen, to promote or procure the passage through the legislature of that act and that said committee is hereby given power to send for persons, papers and records."

THE NEW HARTFORD CHARTER.

The bill for the new charter of Hartford provides twelve wards, only one council board, each ward to have two members and is to be elected at large. A board of finance comprised of the mayor, the controller, president of the city council and four citizens, not more than two of one party, to be appointed by the mayor. The controller, a new office, has supervisory direction of the city finances. The mayor has large powers, including that of removing any commissioner on written explanation, and may appoint at any time a committee to investigate the accounts of any department.

LEADING OFFICERS AND SALARIES ARE:

Mayor, \$4,000; corporation counsel, \$3,000; controller, \$2,500; treasurer, \$2,000; collector, \$2,500; city clerk, \$2,000; assistant city clerk, \$700.

Prosecuting attorney and assistant are to be appointed by the judges of the police court. The park board is made self-perpetuating.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMITTEE.

Senator Coffey, chairman of the railroad committee, was detained elsewhere this afternoon and House Chairman Smith is ill, so Representative Hull of Monroe was elected chairman pro tem. There were present several officers and lawyers, representing various electric and horse railroads. The Consolidated road was represented by Vice President Hall, Hon. Lynde Harrison and Hon. Henry C. Robinson.

In the matter of the Middletown horse railroad, the hearing was set down for March 5. The Waterbury Traction company desires to amend its charter. Hon. Lynde Harrison suggested that the company and the Consolidated road might agree after a conference on the petition, March 12 being agreeable to Mr. Terry, representing the Traction company and to Mr. Harrison, that date was set down for the hearing.

Hearings were also arranged in the matter of several other street railway petitions.

RELATING TO THE OYSTER INTERESTS.

There was a hearing before the committee on fisheries this afternoon on Representative Judson's bill for the protection of natural oyster beds. Mr. Judson explained his bill, which provides for licensing certain kinds of sail vessels for taking the oysters. For the violations of the provisions certain penalties are provided. The bill is in the interest of hundreds of small oyster men, who earn their living in fishing on the natural beds of the state.

The committee assigned the hearing on the bill consolidating the fishery commission and transferring the headquarters from New Haven to Hartford, for one week from to-day. Captain George H. Townsend of New Haven, who was here to-day, said the oyster interests of New Haven and vicinity were opposed to a transfer of the headquarters. The office should be in New Haven for convenience of the many oystermen thereabouts.

CALVARY INDUSTRIAL HOME.

The bill incorporating the Calvary Industrial Home of New Haven was explained and advocated before the committee on incorporations by Mr. Dillon, of Dillon & Douglass.

Secretary Foote of the New Haven Water company appeared before the same committee and advocated the bill giving power to that company to swallow up the Fair Haven water company, of which they own all the stock. There was no opposition to either of these measures.

MANY DISAPPOINTED WOMEN.

There was a great gathering of leading women of New England in this city to-day. Hundreds of members of the W.C.T.U. came here to listen to Miss

Frances E. Willard and Lady Somerset. The local W.C.T.U. expended about \$500 in arranging a reception, but the distinguished women did not come. They are both sick in bed with grip in Boston. Several members of the W.C.T.U. unions of New Haven came here this morning, but while they did not see or hear Miss Willard or Lady Somerset they were able to attend the mass meeting of women held in the Foot Guard armory, and were repaid for their trouble. These two ladies were to speak before the committee on women's suffrage before that committee in the hall of the house of representatives tomorrow at 10 p. m., but it is not now expected that they will be here during the present session of the legislature.

Candidates within five days after election shall file with their respective town agent itemized lists of expenses.

Half a dozen amendments to the dog laws of the state were introduced into the house to-day and referred.

The senate was in session only fifteen minutes, and most of the business was the reference of house business in concurrence.

Representative Marsh appeared before the judiciary committee this afternoon and spoke in favor of his bill protecting minors from the influence of obscene literature.

WELCOMED BY THOUSANDS.

La Gasconne Greeted by Crowds at Her Pier in New York.

Quarantine, S. I., Feb. 12.—The Gasconne came up the bay escorted by a flotilla of tugs shortly after 10 o'clock. The ice in the Narrows reached from shore to shore, and the long delayed liner loomed up high-sided and red-funnelled in the midst of the grinding ice cakes.

The health officer in person boarded the ship, with Deputy Sanborn and L'Honnelle, in order to clear her with the slightest possible delay. Mr. A. Forget, the agent of the line, was along side in a tug and went on board to shake Captain Baudelon by the hand and congratulate him and his faithful and tireless engineers on the success that had crowned their efforts. The steamer passengers were ranged in a line extending all the way aft on the port side and at once examined and passed. All the steam passengers were at breakfast, and when the swarm of newspaper men clambered over the side there was nobody except the ship's officers to talk to.

The Gasconne was cleared from Quarantine inside of ten minutes from the time the health officer boarded her, and proceeded to her pier accompanied by the tugs.

New York, Feb. 12.—La Gasconne's progress toward her dock at the foot of Morton street resembled a triumphal procession. Every steamboat, tug and lighter joined in saluting her, and crowds of people gathered at the Battery watched her slow approach.

The great demonstration, however, awaited her at the pier. A tug had been engaged for some time in clearing away the ice which had gathered in the slip alongside, and the superintendent had determined that nothing should delay the landing of the passengers. The crowd, though kept back from the pier by a squad of policemen, twenty strong, still managed to throng the approaches and the neighboring piers, and watched the operations of the tug with great interest. Finally those at the end of the pier, who had been peering anxiously through the yellow haze that hid the Battery and the waters beyond, set up a cheer. It was caught by the crowd and there was a rush for the end of the dock which even the police were unable wholly to withstand.

Though La Gasconne did not reach her pier until 11:15 o'clock, the crowd had begun to gather more than two hours previous to that time. The early comers had secured admittance to the pier itself, for no extraordinary demonstration had been expected, but long before the steamer was sighted down the bay the numbers had so increased that it was necessary to close the gates and deny admittance to all but those who actually had business there. The crowd outside surged against the gates and it seemed for a time that they must give way, but the arrival of "extra police" partially restored order.

It might have been imagined by one who was watching the people as the great vessel swung into her dock, that everyone of those gathered there was personally interested in the safe arrival of someone of those on board, so joyful did all appear. Those who had friends among the passengers or crew forced themselves to the side of the dock and exchanged voluble greetings with persons whom they knew.

When the plank was finally lowered, the police had hard work to keep the crowd from rushing on board, but succeeded in doing so, and as soon as possible the passengers left the ship and were soon welcomed at short range by their friends.

Superintendent West of the French line, who went on board La Gasconne last night and remained there until the steamship reached her dock, made the following statement, in substance, to the press:

"When La Gasconne was three days out, a double-cylinder piston gave way and necessitated a delay while attempts were made to repair it. In fact, it gave way more than once, causing a delay each time, and during part of this time La Gasconne steamed only four knots an hour."

"Off Georges Banks, on February 10, La Gasconne passed a large four-masted schooner at anchor, water-logged and abandoned. She had the United States flag flying ensign down and it was made out that she was the George A. McFadden, from Bath, Me."

"La Gasconne was passed by a British freight steamer shortly afterwards, bound for Philadelphia. She offered assistance, but it was refused, as it was not needed."

"One of the stops due to the damaged piston caused a delay of about forty-eight hours, but the steamer is all right, and she steamed slowly over the remaining portion of her journey. Of course, she drifted when the repairs were being made, but at no time was she in danger. Captain Baudelon says the weather was the worst he ever experienced."

MURRAY HAS WON HIS SUIT

JURY RENDERED VERDICT AGAINST RAILROAD COMPANY.

Will Recover Five Hundred Dollars Damages From the Lehigh Valley Railway Company—Stevens Also Won Verdict For One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars.

In the superior court, civil side, late yesterday afternoon the jury which has been hearing the suit of Joseph H. Murray against the Lehigh Valley Railway company rendered a verdict for the plaintiff to recover \$500 damages and his costs.

It will be remembered that Murray claimed damages for injuries received by jumping from a train in December, 1892. The passenger train on which Murray was riding was in charge of a crew of non-union men, while immediately in the rear and running on the same track was a freight train manned by union men. Owing to the feelings between the two classes Murray alleged that the freight train attempted to collide with the passenger train and that when the collision seemed to him inevitable he jumped. Murray fell into a pond and was more or less injured, hence the suit for damages.

In the common pleas court, civil side, yesterday afternoon the suit brought by Marshall D. Stevens against Michael Kelly, Jr., both of Guilford, was taken up and disposed of. Stevens sued Kelly to recover \$1,000 damages for being knocked down and run over by one of Kelly's teams. The jury after a brief deliberation rendered a verdict for the plaintiff to recover \$125 and costs.

Common Pleas Court—Criminal Side—Judge Studley.

In this court yesterday the case of the state against Edward S. De Ladson was nolle by Prosecuting Agent Gunn. This is the case in which the supreme court recently decided on a question of law in favor of the state. As De Ladson is no longer engaged in business in the city the case was nolle.

Joseph J. Degnan was found guilty by the jury of having interfered with and abused Officer Henry J. Hoffman and was fined \$50 and costs amounting to \$25.19 more.

Edward McHugh of York street pleaded guilty to selling liquor on election day, December 5, and was fined \$50 and \$25.19 costs. He settled.

City Court—Criminal Side—Judge Cable.

Charles G. Cameron, drunk, ten days in jail, \$8.24 costs, breach of the peace, \$7 fine; John Winn, breach of the peace, judgment suspended; drunk, \$5 fine, \$5.42 costs; John E. Gallagher, violation of Sunday liquor law, continued until February 13.

Manager Cornell Resigns.

Shelton, Feb. 12.—For some time rumors of the dissatisfaction of the leading managers of the National Folding Box and Paper company's works here have been heard, and the syndicate controlling the paper box factories have gradually taken away the best class of work and given it to other factories. To-day it was learned that E. Shelton Cornell, the manager of the local concern, has resigned and had left the syndicate. He was out of town to-day, and could not be seen.

PERSONAL NOTINGS.

Notes of Interest to New Haven People.

Temperance Orator Ned Murphy is conducting a campaign in Norwich. A pension has been granted to a minor child of Michael Shanley, late of New Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Chadwick are in town, the guests of Professor and Mrs. Horatio Parker.

Judge Sheldon will speak before the chamber of commerce this evening on the financial situation.

Wilson H. Lee of the firm of Price, Lee & Co., an entertaining several friends from Athol, Mass., his former home.

Miss Lizzie W. Brown of Lake Place is convalescent from a severe attack of the grip.

Charles Lenihan, Yale '96, who has been confined to his home in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., by sickness, will return to college next week.

Release Connecticut pensions—Charles T. Squire, Roxbury. Original, widows, etc.—Minor of Michael Shanley, New Haven; Susan A. Hall, Colchester.

Mrs. Fred L. Converse of No. 1 Whalley avenue gave a dinner Monday night to her intimate friends.

John Addison Porter spoke before the regular Hartford Ministers' meeting Monday, his subject being, "The Relation Between the Clergymen and the Local Press."

Dr. L. H. Cobb of New York will advocate the cause of the Congregational Church Building society in the Davenport church Sunday evening.

Frederick L. Tibbals of Milford, secretary and treasurer of the George H. Ford company of this city, is suffering from an abscess in the side.

President Charles P. Clark of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company, is confined to his home in Orange street with a slight cold. He complained of feeling badly at the meeting of the directors in New York last Saturday, and by the advice of his physician has not been out since. He has not been so ill as to require a physician's attendance and it is thought he will be out again to-day or to-morrow.

Miss Annie Rosenberg of 180 Liberty street gave a birthday party to her friends Monday evening. Among those present were the Misses Nellie Turner, Hattie Turner, Ida Goldstone, Nellie Rudolph, Emma Singerhoff, Mary Wollick, William Dian, William Roth, Philip Levin, Philip Cohen, Joseph Dash, Max Rosenthal.

DRIVING WHEEL BROKE.

Canal Road Train Delayed. Southington, Feb. 12.—While engine No. 177 was rolling into this place with the passenger train this morning a part of the tire of the rear driving wheel broke and flew up into the cab seat, which the fireman, Frank Phelps, had just vacated. The train was delayed an hour, until another engine arrived from New Haven and pulled out the train. Engineer Burke was in charge of the engine.

"THE WAR IN THE EAST."

The Last of Miss Cromwell's Classes in Current Events To-day.

Miss Isabelle Cromwell will give the last talk of the course in Current Events to-day. Her subject will be "The War in the East," which she has reserved till now in order to get the latest dispatches upon it. There will be a map to show where battles have been fought, and to illustrate the progress of the war generally.

This will close the series of talks this year. Miss Cromwell has been asked to extend the course or to give another in Lent, but she has already made too many engagements in other towns to allow of her doing so. Miss Cromwell's classes have shown a very ready appreciation of the peculiar advantages of keeping abreast of the times, which she has offered. That her treatment of the questions presented have been satisfactory is shown by the fact that her classes are now limited apparently only by the size of the room in which they are given.

THE UNION REVIVAL SERVICES

By the Methodist Young People—A Good Attendance To-night's Service.

The Methodist young people began their union revival services Monday evening in Grace M. E. church. The attendance was good, and the meeting a very helpful one. The exercises were opened by a praise service, led by H. S. Scarborough, assisted by a chorus of young people.

The address of the evening was made by Robert L. Ross and was an earnest appeal to the unconverted. At its close Rev. Dr. Vail of Trinity M. E. church gave a brief, pointed talk, in which he invited to the altar both those willing to consecrate themselves for Christian work and those desiring to become Christians. A large number responded, and the altar was soon filled.

The young people have every reason to feel encouraged, and intend to continue these meetings throughout the week. The services to-night will be held at Trinity M. E. church, corner George and Dwight streets, beginning at 7:30 o'clock with a praise service, led by F. J. Mansfield. At 8 o'clock an address will be given by H. Frank Hall of Yale divinity school, followed by an altar service conducted by Rev. William M. Carr of St. Andrew's M. E. church.

BROKE INTO A CHURCH.

Got Into Pastor Woodcock's Study.

Ansonia, Feb. 12.—Burglars broke into Christ Episcopal church early this morning, but were frightened off while drilling the safe in Pastor Charles E. Woodcock's study, breaking the drill off in the safe in their hurry. The safe contained rich communion plate and a large sum of money. The crackmen got nothing.

GROVER MANVILLE ASSIGNS.

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